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This Bulletin, issued by the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, shows the monthly factory production in Victoria of certain commodities. For the purpose of the accompanying statistics a "factory" is defined as an industrial establishment in which four or more hands are employed or in which power other than hand is used. Monthly averages for the years 1949-50, 1950-51, 1951-52 and 1952-53 and monthly production for October to December 1952 and 1953 are shown.

Many of the items included here are shown in greater detail in other publications of the Bureau.

Figures of the production of each of the commodities listed are given up to the latest available month. Figures up to 1951-52 inclusive are taken from the Government Statist's annual factory returns wherever possible. It should be noted that in some cases annual returns are accepted from factories for periods other than those ending on June 30th, each year.

The scope of the Bulletin will be widened from time to time to include new information as it becomes available.

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Statistics of the following items are collected by the Authorities shown. All other items are collected by the Commonwealth or State Statistician.

Superphosphate	Commonwealth Department of Commerce and Agriculture.
Black Coal	Joint Coal Board.
Gold	State Department of Mines.
Beer Tobacco, Cigars & Cigarettes	Commonwealth Department of Trade and Customs.
Sawn Native Timber	Forestry and Timber Bureau.

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Commodity	Unit	Monthly Averages				Monthly Production					
		Year				1952			1953		
		1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
FUEL: Briquettes	ton	49,047	42,617	47,354	45,422	46,532	48,201	38,285	54,448	53,388	38,038
Black Coal	"	10,762	10,430	12,023	12,933	15,004	13,675	10,689	13,675	12,779	14,612
Brown Coal	"	636,410	608,347	674,692	675,113	667,055	679,961	595,647	745,931	722,852	624,497
HEAT, LIGHT & POWER:											
Gas made in Gasworks	mill.cub.ft.	896	954	1,044	1,100	1,134	1,058	999	1,155	1,077	1,007
Total Electricity Generated	mill.k.w.h.	226	240	247	264	266	245	242	303	288	277
BUILDING MATERIALS:											
Clay Bricks	'000	12,240	14,880	15,434	13,544	14,662	12,382	11,872	16,737	16,898	14,801
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq.yds.	504	551	610	512	565	524	436	533	542	439
Roofing Tiles - Cement	'000	1,595	1,894	1,934	1,363	1,737	1,486	1,074	1,441	1,562	1,247
Terra Cotta	"	1,023	1,025	1,035	1,212	1,443	1,252	1,020	1,353	1,323	1,049
SAWN NATIVE TIMBER:	'000 sup.ft.	25,733	27,470	29,113	23,547	25,298	21,439	16,030	25,610	21,543	
CHEMICALS & ALLIED PRODUCTS:											
Paints - Ready Mixed Paint	gal.	100,095	121,956	120,943	97,965	92,364	89,100	99,447	116,017	120,517	125,295
Lacquers (Nitro-Cell)	"	20,996	27,146	23,633	17,476	14,453	15,430	17,914	25,998	22,637	21,332
Thinners for Lacquers	"	30,603	37,738	39,165	37,487	30,469	29,847	35,359	51,205	48,198	44,754
Enamels (Nat. & Syn.)	"	42,821	39,130	48,464	44,055	45,180	49,885	48,599	61,334	56,006	53,578
Water Paints	'000 lb.	117	118	157	377	328	270	413	792	901	797
Soap - Household	cwt.	16,745	18,589	18,748	16,823	19,483	16,665	13,916	15,157	11,892	10,736
Toilet & Hand	"	3,798	4,650	4,519	3,748	4,575	3,837	3,086	4,157	1,729	2,785
Flakes & Chips	"	1,715	2,763	2,310	2,528	2,976	2,416	1,963	2,739	3,342	5,371
Industrial	"	2,523	5,268	3,148	2,726	1,979	3,168	2,585	3,056	3,386	2,836
Sand	"	750	1,120	890	661	871	935	723	459	605	351
Soft	"	522	650	729	568	422	717	485	847	826	863
Liquid	"	1,369	2,333	2,818	2,469	2,400	2,264	2,426	2,352	2,390	2,774
Extracts & Powders	"	22,265	25,782	32,485	30,883	31,716	26,950	28,470	42,384	25,640	27,295
Superphosphate	ton	52,069	51,257	52,750	47,616	51,104	36,983	47,709	44,681	48,225	54,729
Sulphuric Acid (100%)	"	19,836	20,165	20,234	18,538	18,757	15,711	17,580	18,503	19,280	19,179
METALS: - Gold (Mine Production)	fine oz.	5,532	5,809	5,343	5,812	7,822	5,684	7,130	4,824	4,859	
PERAMBULATORS: (Inc.Pushers & Strollers)	number	4,051	4,577	3,277	3,823	4,294	4,083	3,842	4,667	4,767	4,981

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		Year				1952			1953		
		1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
MATTRESSES:											
Woven Wire, Link Mesh & Spring (a)	Number	5,694	6,158	6,679	7,659	7,449	7,375	8,581	8,595	8,535	8,491
Inner Spring	"	5,115	6,619	7,725	9,384	9,531	8,234	10,718	10,778	11,219	12,904
Soft Filled	"	9,974	10,950	9,027	r 8,310	r 7,890	r 9,728	r 8,329	6,958	6,832	6,863
Rubber	"								882	1,042	959
Other	"								1,127	1,997	2,828
ENGINES: - Other than Marine - Petrol and											
Other Light Oils - 2 H.P. and under 6 H.P.	"	383	379	371	360	345	292	339	251	227	214
ELECTRIC MOTORS: (b)											
Under 1 H.P.	"	4,971	6,549	8,260	r 7,764	r 8,744	r 7,952	r 6,830	r 12,120	r 12,265	11,673
1 H.P. and under 2½ H.P.	"	828	734	610	r 434	r 327	r 566	r 291	r 873	497	779
2½ " " " 5 H.P.	"	429	371	312	167	269	266	114	258	297	160
5 " " " 10 H.P.	"	122	178	172	103	121	45	108	111	110	71
10 " and over	"	43	42	52	43	43	39	45	44	43	41
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES:											
Toasters (Domestic)	"	7,370	6,991	7,308	6,021	6,577	6,164	7,483	9,785	8,875	7,268
Hot Water Jugs (Complete)	"	12,431	11,953	12,437	6,852	3,922	8,343	7,289	8,248	9,142	12,470
Radios and Radiograms	"	8,181	10,956	7,639	5,872	6,658	7,021	5,012	7,343	6,008	5,844
Domestic Clothes Washing Machines	"	n.a.	364	624	699	768	848	891	1,018	945	1,006
BUILDING FITTINGS:											
Stoves - Solid Fuel	"	1,115	1,360	1,307	1,094	1,217	956	882	1,174	931	918
Gas	"	1,393	1,357	1,107	900	1,082	1,077	889	1,100	1,101	873
Coppers - Gas	"	810	836	577	533	n.a.	n.a.	375	r 454	r 454	499
Electric	"	326	840	468	226	150	167	244	282	281	246
Bath Heaters - Solid Fuel	"	798	794	752	r 528	r 571	r 484	r 453	543	492	509
Gas	"	850	717	551	557	592	775	338	675	677	578
Electric	"	41	370	263	r 241	r 280	r 281	r 235	282	341	169
Sink Heaters - Electric	"	467	750	476	r 348	r 489	r 354	r 348	568	330	323
Sinks, Stainless Steel	"	4,160	5,362	5,744	r 5,934	r 5,852	r 5,214	r 4,621	5,704	6,691	5,869
PEDAL CYCLES: (made and/or assembled)	"	n.a.	3,874	2,348	2,149	2,195	2,720	4,720	2,872	3,822	5,274
FLOOR COVERINGS:											
Wool Felt & Carpets	'000 sq.yds.	132	137	192	148	159	171	111	195	205	189

(a) Figures prior to 1951-52 do not include mattresses made and incorporated in stretchers and folding beds.

(b) Figures include all motors made and incorporated in other products of the manufacturers.



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COTTON SEWING THREAD: (counts over 12)	lb.	45,695	64,461	69,657	53,549	52,123	49,695	39,363	65,390	69,837	49,004
COTTON TEXTILES: Cotton Tweeds	sq.yd.	80,017	81,702	80,705	51,270	60,936	51,494	19,785	71,923	85,418	75,339
Drills, Jeans, etc.	"	244,296	220,175	298,027	285,126	313,000	254,317	192,209	417,924	397,330	355,246
WOOL: Scoured and carbonised wool	'000 lb.	5,492	4,679	3,973	4,059	3,578	3,187	r 3,940	4,140	4,516	4,320
Wool Tops	"	1,132	1,100	792	861	830	783	630	1,194	1,261	997
Yarn - Worsted	"	1,055	990	775	858	841	839	763	1,091	1,113	937
Woollen	"	1,188	1,121	863	812	747	791	677	1,093	1,076	881
WOOL TEXTILES: Woven Cloth - Worsted	'000 sq.yds.	663	671	528	487	525	476	400	607	583	495
Woollen	"	826	702	564	590	577	604	578	676	659	604
Other (a)	"	211	234	127	167	166	176	146	207	218	183
Blankets	number	89,181	98,667	64,046	43,537	32,749	26,197	28,583	48,855	44,570	40,852
Rugs	"	5,857	5,536	3,652	4,043	2,645	2,331	1,514	4,366	6,610	3,444
HOSIERY: Women's, Maids' & Girls'											
Full-Fashioned	doz.pr.	79,907	84,462	90,772	108,938	122,118	111,487	r98,528	131,434	121,444	112,114
Circular	"	7,173	7,041	5,178	8,725	8,158	6,879	5,874	13,333	11,436	9,256
Anklelets	"	23,321	24,391	21,018	29,057	30,554	27,487	26,832	r42,947	r45,262	42,509
Men's & Boys'	"	80,459	103,649	96,302	107,792	127,831	113,626	98,646	r137,804	r141,762	116,256
Children's	"	38,399	34,034	31,096	27,891	30,067	27,060	24,640	40,240	38,564	32,674
KNITTED UNDERWEAR (b): Men's and Boys'	doz.	)	(	48,286	38,772	45,083	37,717	31,756	55,599	52,193	43,964
Women's & Girls'	"	)121,486	136,674	92,352	r74,047	r81,273	r74,896	r66,740	107,876	100,878	88,951
Infants' & Babywear	"	)	(	2,177	r 1,677	r 1,819	r 1,061	r 1,396	2,239	3,408	1,710
FOUNDATION GARMENTS: Corsets	"	3,581	4,686	4,703	5,393	6,926	5,678	5,912	7,176	6,470	7,105
Corselets	"	627	440	542	308	348	170	202	554	391	315
Brassieres	"	13,525	15,887	17,290	r13,903	r13,254	r13,615	r10,680	23,052	19,136	16,966
CLOTHING (except knitted):											
Shirts - Men's and Boys'	"	25,888	26,585	29,297	r23,886	r31,661	r26,631	r21,947	34,721	41,565	36,774
Pyjama Suits - Men's and Boys'	"	6,496	5,471	6,442	5,312	4,633	3,338	3,086	5,882	5,767	6,144
GLOVES (not rubber): Dress - Leather	doz.pr.	2,268	1,792	1,087	1,718	1,952	1,649	1,309	936	716	453
Other	"	2,154	2,889	3,003	4,191	4,975	4,580	4,003	6,880	7,357	6,089
Work	"	1,204	1,209	1,710	1,231	1,239	1,062	936	1,800	1,588	1,634
FOOTWEAR (not rubber): Boots & Shoes	'000 pr.	604	678	663	r 647	r 729	r 648	r 523	735	693	588
Sandals	"	64	80	65	39	76	68	r 46	179	202	135
Slippers	"	356	355	309	282	259	290	211	326	351	287
FUR FELT HATS (Complete): Men's and Boys'	doz.	3,613	3,420	2,783	2,284	2,638	2,279	2,280	2,519	2,901	2,062

(a) Includes Worsted and Woollen Mixtures and other mixtures predominantly of Wool.

(b) Made in knitting mills until June 1952. Thereafter includes underwear made from knitted piece goods.



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		Year				1952			1953		
		1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
FOOD, DRINK & TOBACCO:											
Flour (from Wheat)	short ton	37,315	37,407	46,600	49,226	53,839	52,114	45,113	41,277	40,031	
Bran (from Wheat)	"	7,466	7,259	9,136	9,334	10,477	9,735	8,775	7,594	7,163	
Pollard (from Wheat)	"	7,658	7,424	9,336	10,515	11,258	10,954	10,204	8,804	8,306	
Biscuits	'000 lb.	2,786	2,818	3,327	3,151	3,634	3,132	3,141	4,176	3,548	3,184
Confectionery - Chocolate Basis	"	2,666	2,221	1,898	1,755	1,736	1,343	1,001	1,921	1,680	1,520
Other	"	2,128	2,100	2,317	2,244	2,600	2,070	1,854	2,553	2,617	2,317
Beef and Veal	ton	10,384	11,384	11,437	10,177	10,265	9,329	9,748	10,233	10,595	
Lamb	"	5,582	3,917	3,686	4,914	9,254	12,324	9,620	4,481	8,407	
Mutton	"	6,773	4,670	5,396	7,689	8,702	7,888	11,069	6,020	6,876	
Pork	"	554	633	726	583	556	548	r 1,108	608	645	
Bacon & Ham (Cured Weight) (a)	"	661	659	747	678	786	684	r 880	609	656	
Total Meat (in terms of fresh) (a)	"	24,401	21,500	22,261	24,332	29,846	31,019	r 33,126	22,170	27,415	
Butter (factory only)	"	5,249	4,832	4,936	4,772	8,189	8,261	8,439	8,744	9,693	
Cheese (factory only)	"	1,766	1,881	1,853	1,876	3,557	3,711	3,502	4,135	4,250	
Processed Milk Products -											
Condensed Full-Cream Milk - Sweetened	'000 lb.	) 7,076	6,796	7,358	6,231	11,080	12,460	12,627	10,278	11,381	11,119
Unsweetened	"				1,657	2,523	2,903	2,486	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Powdered Full-Cream Milk	"	2,803	2,165	2,232	2,221	3,761	4,558	4,159	3,900	3,687	3,491
Other Processed Wholemilk Products (b)	"	1,289	1,799	1,978	1,435	1,499	1,290	1,995	3,371	5,049	3,569
Ice Cream	'000 gals.	328	429	407	342	382	327	570	402	473	625
Beer (including Waste Beer)	"	4,143	4,434	4,706	5,056	5,100	2,134	6,293	5,670	6,174	6,838
Oatmeal & Rolled or Crushed Oats	cwt.	15,128	13,478	10,273	16,910	4,515	8,466	13,895	r 27,485	r 20,005	10,468
Prepared Breakfast Foods (from Wheat)	"	12,222	11,018	11,674	11,314	13,711	13,283	11,689	11,666	13,438	11,998
Edible Starch (Maize and Wheat)	"	7,997	7,799	8,237	7,053	6,895	6,095	r 6,195	9,834	8,373	7,677
Margarine - Table	"	1,569	886	1,308	1,465	2,125	1,541	1,201	1,688	1,564	1,562
Other	"	6,926	5,507	6,973	5,506	5,770	5,101	4,543	6,744	5,055	4,235
Malt - Barley & Wheaten	'000 (c)	307	309	327	347	367	334	327	413	362	361
Jams, Conserves & Jellies (d)	'000 lb.	5,917	5,848	4,827	3,401	1,483	1,833	3,662	1,682	1,439	
Canned Apricots, Peaches, Pears (d)	"	7,954	8,511	10,368	9,273	..	..	563	..	..	
Green Peas	"	225	282	383	239	..	n.a.	1,748	n.a.	n.a.	1,434
Tomatoes	"	377	237	403	194	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Vegetables	"	1,572	2,355	2,615	1,002	1,064	1,329	1,026	1,331	1,228	1,227
Tomato Juice	'000 gals.	34	13	50	101	..	n.a.	n.a.	..	..	..
Sauce	"	136	130	134	111	167	75	76	112	64	88
Soup	"	176	206	266	154	n.a.	n.a.	15	n.a.	n.a.	115
Tobacco, Cigars & Cigarettes	'000 lb.	869	914	1,004	981	1,029	958	913	1,138	1,187	992

(a) From February, 1953 onwards, pressed and canned bacon and ham have been converted to bone-in weight.

(b) Includes Infants' and Invalids' Food. (c) Bushels of 40 lb. (d) Includes Tasmanian Production.